


Political Prisoner Profile

AAPP CASE NO.:	0042			
NAME OF POLITICAL PRISONER:	Aye Thida			
GENDER:	Female	Ethnicity:	Burmese	
DATE OF BIRTH:	22 July 1980	Age:	29	
RELIGION:	Buddhist			
PARENTS NAME:	U Zaw Win			
EDUCATION:	Home Economics, Dagon University			
OCCUPATION:	Journalist for 'Seven Days News' and 'Internet Journal'			
LAST ADDRESS:	North Okkalapa Township, Rangoon			
ARREST DATE:	14 October 2007		PHOTO DATE: May 2008	
SECTION OF LAW:	Section 33/a, 5/96, 505/b, 6			
SENTENCING HISTORY:	7 years + 5 years + 6 years			
COURT HEARING:	Insein prison special court			
NAME OF PRISON:	Henzada prison			
RELEASE DATE:				
IMMEDIATE HEALTH CONCERNS:				
CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY:				

Aye Thida is currently being held in Henzada prison in Irrawaddy Division. This is 123 miles from her family in Rangoon. The exact date of her transfer is not know but it was sometime between when she was sentenced on 28 November 2008 and 9 February 2009. Twelve other members of 88 Generation Students were transferred to remote prisons at the same time. According to relatives of the prisoners, some families were only informed of the transfers after their relatives had been removed and so on.

In December 2007 she was charged under Section 33 (a) of the Electronic Transactions Law and sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Her name was included in the trial of the 88 Generation Students.

The trials commenced on August 27 and continued on September 9 2008. They, 9 females and 26 males, were brought to Rangoon Eastern District Court, which was held inside the Insein Prison. Some of the defendants had been detained in prison over a year without trial. Their cases were heard by eight courts, Insein Township Court, Hlaing Tharya Township Court, Rangoon Eastern District Court, Rangoon Northern District Court, Thinganyun Township Court, Dawbon Township Court, South Okkalapa Township Court, and North Okkalapa Township Court, all held inside the Insein prison compound.

They included Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho, Min Zayya, Mya Aye, Jimmy, Zayya, Kyaw Kyaw Htwe, Ant Bwe Kyaw, Pannate Tun, Zaw Zaw Min, Thet Zaw, Nyan Linn, Than Tin, Htay Kywe, Hla Myo Naung, Aung Thu, Myo Aung Naing, Thet Thet Aung (F), Thein Than Tun, Tin Htoo Aung, Zaw Htet Ko Ko, Chit Ko Linn, Thaw Zin Tun, Aung Gyi @ Aung Thike Soe, Saw Myo Min Hlaing, Min Han, Thin Thin Aye(F), Sandar Min(F), Nwe Hnin Ye(F), Thara Phe Theint Theint Tun(F), **Aye Thida(F)**, San San Tin(F), Lay Lay Mon(F), Hnin May Aung(F).

Their seven Defense Lawyers were U Aung Thein, U Khin Maung Shein, Daw Khin Htay Kywe, U Kyaw Hoe, U Myint Thaug, U Pho Phyu, and U Nyi Nyi Hlaing.

On August 27 the student leaders demanded that they should not be handcuffed during the hearing and their family members, public and media should be allowed to attend the hearing. At the September 10 hearing, they were still handcuffed, but their family members were allowed to attend. The judge heard from the prosecutor who made his case based on documents obtained from internet.

Aye Thida was charged under the following laws:

- Section 4 of The State Law and Order Restoration Council Law No. 5/96 - This prohibits anyone from making speeches or statements to undermine the stability of the State, national reconsolidation, the National Convention or community peace and tranquility. This carries a maximum sentence of twenty years.
- Section 6 of the Law Relating to Forming of Organisations. This carries a maximum sentence of five years.
- Section 505 (B) of the Penal Code. This relates to offenses against the state or against public tranquility and carries a maximum sentence of two years imprisonment.

On 21 November 2008 fourteen members of the 88 Generation Students group, were sentenced from three years to five years. Thein Than Tun (aka) Ko Ko Gyi, Zaw Htet Ko Ko, Thara Phee Theint Theint Tun (Female), Lay Lay Mon (Female), Hnin May Aung (Female), San San Tin (Female), **Aye Thida (Female)**, and Nweah Hnin Ye (aka) Noe Noe (Female) received five years imprisonment each. Thaw Zin Tun, Saw Myo Min Hlaing, Aung Thike Soe, Chit Ko Lin, San San Tin (Female) and Tin Htoo Aung received three years imprisonment each. (US Campaign for Burma 211108)

On 28 November 2008, fourteen members of the 88 Generation Students group received additional sentences. Thein Than Tun (aka) Ko Ko Gyi , Zaw Htet Ko Ko, Thara Phee Theint Theint Tun (Female), Nobel Aye (aka) Hnin May Aung (Female), Lay Lay Mon (Female), Nweah Hnin Tin Htoo Aung Ye (aka) Noe Noe (Female), **Aye Thida (Female)**, Thaw Zin Tun, Saw Myo Min Hlaing, Aung Thike Soe, Chit Ko Lin, Than Tin (aka) Kyee Than, San San Tin (Female) and Tin Htoo Aung, were

each sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Aye Thida now faces a total of 18 years imprisonment.

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